

Woman runs out of patience with boyfriend's addiction



DEAR ABBY
ADVICE

DEAR ABBY: I have been with my boyfriend for five years. We do not live together, nor do we share any children (we have three grown kids from previous marriages). He has been a smoker since he was very young, and when we got together, he said he would like to quit. Well, it still hasn't happened.

As the child of an addict (alcohol) I understand how difficult quitting can be. Luckily, my father quit cold turkey 20 years ago and never relapsed. Abby, I do not want a future with a smoker.

The smell of stale tobacco is unappealing. It's not exactly a breath freshener, and the health consequences are dire.

Am I within my rights to put my foot down? I brought up quitting this week in response to him lamenting that he looks aged beyond his years (which is true). He became very defensive and made me seem like a monster for asking for a real timeline about quitting. He struggles with anxiety and thinks trying to quit will send him over the edge, and I would be the one pushing him. How do I navigate future conversations? — **CHOKING IN PENNSYLVANIA**

DEAR CHOKING: Tell your boyfriend you care about him and about his health, but you can

no longer tolerate watching him damage it because of his tobacco addiction. If he doesn't already know that the smell on his breath, body and clothing is offensive, point it out, and also that second-hand smoke is unhealthy for you. Then tell him he has a choice to make: It's the smoking or you. The decision is his. There are many effective smoking cessation programs available, and he should discuss them with his physician, who may be delighted to know he is interested.

P.S. In this day and age many women — and men — simply "swipe left" if they encounter a smoker.

DEAR ABBY: I am currently in a relationship that is approaching the seven-year mark.

We dated in our 20s and rekindled in our 40s. We live together, but I'm afraid we are growing apart. Due to health issues, I don't work; he works second shift. I cry easily and have always been an emotional person.

When there are disagreements, we can usually work it out. My problem is, I think about the discussion later and have more to say or ask. He then tells me we have already talked about it and he's not discussing it again. He says I "overanalyze everything." It's not that. I just have another question or something I left out.

His refusal to talk makes me feel as though things are unresolved. He just downright won't talk about something we have already discussed! Please help

me to understand if I am too demanding and should just leave it alone. — **UNANSWERED IN ILLINOIS**

DEAR UNANSWERED: It isn't "too demanding" to want to discuss something further. If revisiting the issue would rekindle the disagreement, your partner is far too controlling. If you have a question, there's no reason why you shouldn't be able to ask without it leading to conflict. To deny you that opportunity seems disrespectful.

Give it more time after a disagreement and decide if it's really necessary to revisit the subject. When you do, avoid reapproaching it in a way that could be perceived as an invitation to another argument.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD

Multnomah County moves to ban for-profit displays of human remains

The Associated Press

PORTLAND — The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners in Portland, Oregon, has unanimously moved to ban the for-profit display of human remains.

The move came Thursday, April 14, after the body of a Louisiana World War II veteran — whose wife thought she donated his body to science — was dissected in front of a paying audience at a Portland hotel, The Oregonian reported.

The ordinance is expected to be formally approved next week and institutes a \$1,000 fine per violation, per day. County attorney Rob Sinnott said those who violate the ordinance must also turn over any resulting profits.

Displays of human remains for "legitimate ceremonial and educational purposes" are exempt.

Kimberly DiLeo, the county's chief medicolegal death investigator, led efforts to draft the ordinance after she unsuccessfully tried to prevent the Oct. 17



The Associated Press, File

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners unanimously moved April 14, 2022, to ban the for-profit display of human remains after the body of a World War II veteran — whose wife thought she donated his body to science — was dissected in front of a paying audience at a Portland hotel in October 2021.

for-profit autopsy at the Portland Marriott Downtown Waterfront.

DiLeo said she contacted the Portland Police Bureau and Oregon Medical Board, but both agencies said they lacked the authority to stop the event.

A Portland police spokesperson previously said detectives con-

sulted with the Oregon Department of Justice, Oregon State Police and Multnomah County District Attorney's Office and determined no crimes were committed during the autopsy.

In a statement last year, Martin McAllister, the hotel's general manager, said his staff was "grossly misled" about the event.

Seventy people gathered, some paying up to \$500 a ticket, to watch the autopsy of 98-year-old David Saunders, who had lived with his wife, Elsie, until he died from COVID-19. The "Cadaver Lab Class" was hosted by Death Science, a media company with no professional credentials, DiLeo said.

Death Science did not immediately respond to a request for comment from the newspaper.

Elsie Saunders didn't learn what happened to her husband until after KING-TV published footage that showed her husband's name printed on an arm band still attached to his wrist.

Elsie Saunders said by phone during the county meeting that she is still haunted by the images

of the public autopsy.

"The vision in my mind of his naked and defenseless body being dismembered like a butcher preparing an animal carcass for sale ... I have to live with it until I die," she said.

Elsie Saunders said her efforts to donate her husband's body to Louisiana State University for medical research failed because of pandemic restrictions, so she donated it to Med Ed Labs, a Las Vegas-based company she thought would use his body for medical research.

But, some "ambiguity" was in the contract she signed, according to East Baton Rouge District Attorney Hillar Moore, who also spoke at the meeting by phone.

Med Ed Labs spokesperson Obteen Nassiri said the company was told the body would be used to train people involved in death sciences and was unaware tickets were being sold to attend the event.

Since the dissection, Med Ed Labs has taken "very extreme precautions" to protect their donors' identities and screens its clients

more strictly to ensure they're "legitimate," Nassiri said.

Moore said he accompanied David Saunders' nephew to identify the body after it was returned to a Baton Rouge morgue. In his experience attending thousands of autopsies, Moore said the body was not treated like any body is treated in a legitimate autopsy.

"This was completely different and separate in a very macabre way than any other autopsies being conducted," he said.

Moore said he was dismayed that there were few Oregon and Louisiana restrictions preventing for-profit autopsies. He hopes to introduce a similar ordinance in Baton Rouge.

Multnomah County Commissioner Lori Stegmann during the meeting asked about criminal sanctions for ordinance violators.

"I would urge that we make this a criminal issue and that we talk to our state legislators, our other counties, so that a family never has to go through this again," Stegmann said. "It is truly a violation of our humanity."

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	TONIGHT	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	Showers around early	An afternoon shower	Cloudy with a shower	Clouds, a little rain	Cloudy
Baker City	28	53 33	52 30	52 31	55 30
Comfort Index™	1	1	2	2	2
La Grande	33	55 38	52 34	51 36	55 33
Comfort Index™	1	2	2	0	5
Enterprise	26	52 36	49 31	48 28	49 33
Comfort Index™	1	1	3	2	3

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TEMPERATURES	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
High Sunday	49°	52°	53°
Low Sunday	22°	25°	30°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Sunday	0.00	0.00	0.22
Month to date	0.50	0.50	2.28
Normal month to date	0.44	0.98	1.39
Year to date	1.17	2.88	9.47
Normal year to date	2.50	5.60	9.25

SUNDAY EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)
High: 104° Del Rio, Texas
Low: 0° Walhalla, N.D.
Wettest: 3.47" Troy, Ala.

OREGON
High: 61° The Dalles
Low: 10° Meacham
Wettest: 0.07" Tillamook

WEATHER HISTORY

Snow began to fall in Watertown, Ohio, on April 19, 1901. Watertown received 45 inches the next day. This was the greatest 24-hour snowfall in state history.

SUN & MOON

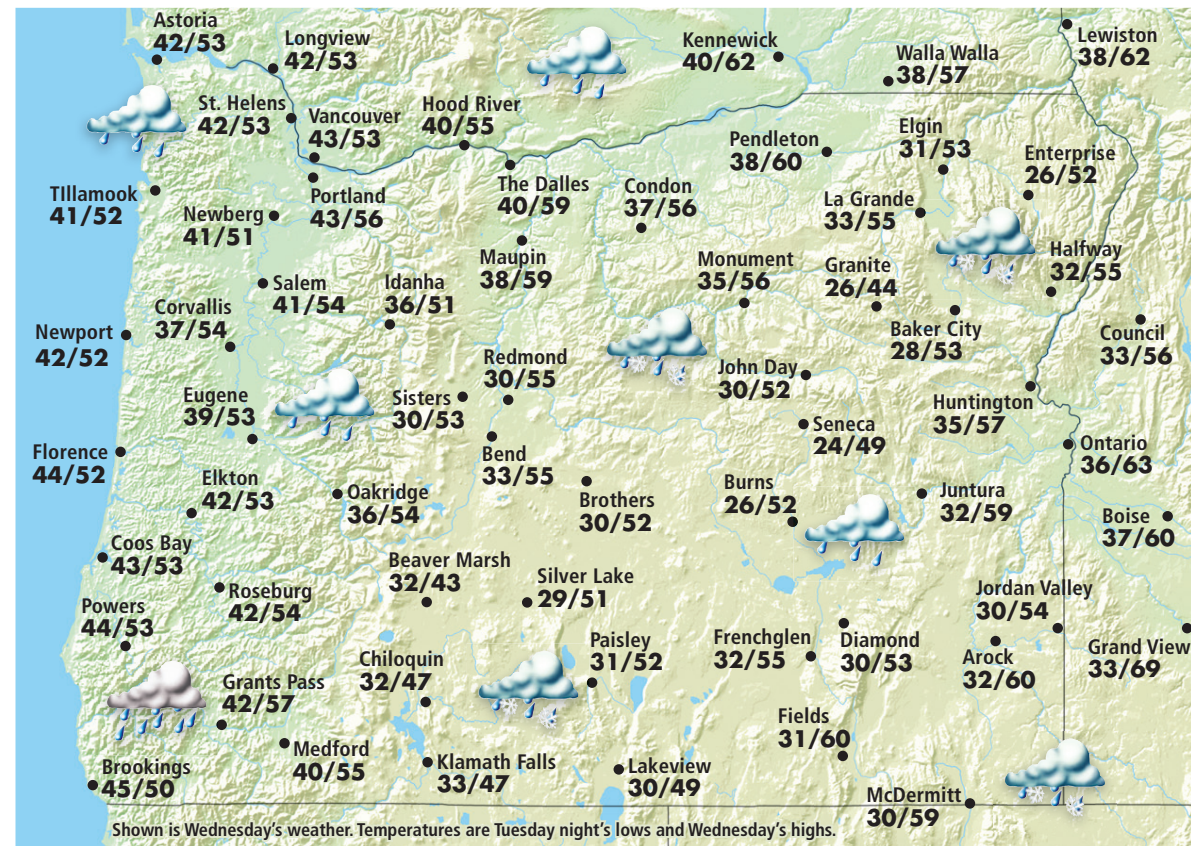
	TUE.	WED.
Sunrise	6:00 a.m.	5:59 a.m.
Sunset	7:43 p.m.	7:45 p.m.
Moonrise	11:59 p.m.	none
Moonset	7:42 a.m.	8:27 a.m.

MOON PHASES

Last	New	First	Full
Apr 23	Apr 30	May 8	May 15

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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REGIONAL CITIES

City	WED. HI/Lo/W	THU. HI/Lo/W	City	WED. HI/Lo/W	THU. HI/Lo/W
Astoria	53/43/r	55/40/r	Lewiston	62/42/c	58/38/pc
Bend	55/36/c	53/33/c	Longview	53/44/r	56/41/r
Boise	60/43/pc	56/38/pc	Meacham	52/37/c	51/35/c
Brookings	50/43/r	52/42/r	Medford	55/40/r	58/41/r
Burns	52/30/c	53/26/c	Newport	52/43/r	51/41/r
Coos Bay	53/43/r	55/44/r	Olympia	54/39/r	53/39/r
Corvallis	54/41/r	55/39/r	Ontario	63/42/c	62/40/pc
Council	56/39/r	55/32/pc	Pasco	61/43/c	62/37/c
Elgin	53/35/c	50/33/c	Pendleton	60/41/c	57/36/sh
Eugene	53/42/r	57/43/r	Portland	56/45/r	58/42/r
Hermiston	64/45/sh	62/35/c	Powers	53/41/r	52/43/r
Hood River	55/44/r	59/40/sh	Redmond	55/35/c	53/32/c
Imnaha	57/41/c	57/33/pc	Roseburg	54/41/r	58/42/r
John Day	52/34/sh	50/28/c	Salem	54/44/r	56/42/r
Joseph	50/37/c	49/31/sh	Spokane	53/39/c	54/33/sh
Kennewick	62/43/c	63/36/c	The Dalles	59/43/sh	61/42/c
Klamath Falls	47/32/sh	48/29/r	Ukiah	52/38/c	50/28/c
Lakeview	49/30/c	45/27/r	Walla Walla	57/43/c	57/36/sh

Weather(W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice

RECREATION FORECAST WEDNESDAY

ANTHONY LAKES	PHILLIPS LAKE
Snow, 1-2"	Rain and drizzle
30 22	46 30
MT. EMILY REC.	BROWNLEE RES.
A shower	Cloudy, a shower
40 31	57 37
EAGLE CAP WILD.	EMIGRANT ST. PARK
A bit of p.m. snow	A shower
35 29	47 32
WALLOWA LAKE	MCKAY RESERVOIR
A p.m. shower	A shower
50 37	60 42
THIEF VALLEY RES.	RED BRIDGE ST. PARK
A p.m. shower	A shower
53 33	55 38

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